

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Abstract:

Line 3: "A printhead assembly is provided comprising at least one printhead module comprising" is changed to -- A printhead assembly is provided having at least one printhead module having --

Line 7: "The assembly further comprising drive electronics" is changed to -- The assembly further including drive electronics --

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art does not teach or suggest a printhead assembly comprising at least two printhead integrated circuits, each of which has nozzles formed there in for delivering printing fluid onto the surface of print media, a one-piece support member commonly supporting and carrying the printing fluid for the at least two printhead integrated circuits, and an electrical connector for connecting electrical signals to the at least two printhead integrated circuits; drive electronics incorporating at least two controllers for processing print data and controlling the printing operation of at least one of the at least two printhead

integrated circuits via the electrical connector to print the processed print data, the at least two controllers being interconnected; a mounting element on which the drive electronics are mounted; and a casing removably mounting the at least one printhead module and the mounting element, the printhead module having a first tab received in a recess of a support channel of the casing and a second tab clamped between the support channel and a clamping arrangement of the mounting element, so as to allow constrained movement of the print module relative to the support channel during use, the casing being configured to removably mount the printhead assembly to the printer unit..

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAURA E. MARTIN whose telephone number is (571)272-2160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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